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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BRITISH PRESS REACTION TO
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

1. EDITORIALS IN THE WEEKEND QUALITY PRESS (SATURDAY
"GUARDIAN," SUNDAY "OBSERVER" AND "SUNDAY TIMES") HAVE
GREETED NEWS OF SIGNING OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN
SALISBURY WITH CAREFULLY MODERATED ENTHUSIASM.

2. BOTH GUARDIAN AND SUNDAY TIMES NOTE THAT THE AGREE-
MENT ESSENTIALLY SATISFIES THE DEMANDS MADE BY JOSHUA
NKOMO OF IAN SMITH TWO YEARS AGO, BUT ALL PAPERS POINT
OUT THAT THE APPLICABILITY OF THE SETTLEMENT TO THE
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"SIXTH PRINCIPLE"--ACCEPTANCE BY THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA
AS A WHOLE--REMAINS TO BE PROVEN.

3. EDITORIALISTS FOR THE THREE PAPERS ARE UNANIMOUS
IN REFUSING TO CHARACTERIZE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AS
THE DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO THE HODESIAN PROBLEM, SO
LONG AS JOSHUA NKOMO AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT REMAIN

OUTSIDE; BUT ALL THREE AGREE THAT THE SETTLEMENT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT, AND IT IS NOW THE TASK OF THE USG AND HMG TO ENSURE THAT THE MOMENTUM DOES NOT FLAG. THEIR ATTITUDE IS BEST SUMMED UP BY THE CLOSING PARAGRAPH OF THE OBSERVER EDITORIAL: "BRITAIN AND AMERICA ARE, THEREFORE, RIGHT TO PURSUE THEIR PRESENT POLICY OF WELCOMING THE 'INTERNAL SETTLEMENT' AS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD, BUT AT THE SAME TIME PURSUING THEIR OWN INITIATIVE-- IN COOPERATION WITH THE FRONT LINE AFRICAN STATES-- TO GET THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PARTIES TO THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT."

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